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City Manager Proposes 2.5 Percent Tax Hike, \$24.9M FY 2014 Budget

by Kathleen Gallagher

Council-watchers and readers of this newspaper will find few big surprises in the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget presented by City Manager Michael McLaughlin to all seven members of the city council at its March 27 meeting. The smoke signals sent up from pre-budget reports and a late February worksession (see the March 7 issue) had predicted decreased property tax yields and less revenues from the state, leaving a gap to close between income and expenditures. McLaughlin proposes to close this gap by raising the property tax rate 2.5 percent, cutting expenses and spending surplus funds. Even so, city homeowners who received reduced property assessments can expect to pay lower taxes than they did this year.

Although there are glimmers of improvement in housing values on the horizon, the city's budget situation is likely to remain difficult over the next several years because real property will not

be reassessed again until 2015. Also the city has already reduced its expenditures by more than \$2.2 million over the past three fiscal years, making additional cuts increasingly unattractive. McLaughlin's budget does not propose eliminating any programs, though minor reductions are proposed.

Declining Tax Base

McLaughlin opened his presentation by saying that the national recession has been the "overarching financial and budget issue since FY 2010." Local governments continue to deal with declining property values and a slowing economy that has resulted in significant tax abatements and lowered tax revenues in Greenbelt.

So far the impacts have been controlled but the city now is confronting its reassessed property values for the first time. The recent 2012 reassessment established a new total assessed value of \$1.8 billion for the city,

a decrease of 12 percent from the previous year. Residential property is down 25 percent (40 percent for condos and 21 percent for single family and town houses). Commercial property is down eight percent, with the surprising exception of apartment properties, which are up 11 percent. The lower overall tax base will prevail for the next three years, since the next reassessment in 2015 will not affect the city's budget until FY17.

Tax Rate Increase

The impact is that at the same tax rates as for the previous year property tax revenue will decrease \$1.5 million. To mitigate this loss, McLaughlin proposes increasing the property tax rate by 2.5 percent, a two-cent increase per \$100 of assessed valuation. That would narrow the gap to \$1.2 million. McLaughlin explained that even with this proposed tax increase, city resident

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Crowd Attends Town Hall Meeting To Hear State of GHI Cooperative

by Kathleen Gallagher

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) held a Town Hall meeting on February 23, which drew more than 150 members for an afternoon of wonky discussion at the Volunteer Fire Department. Participants appeared to enjoy the discussion and the opportunity to visit with neighbors and friends.

The GHI board held its first town hall last year, in part to report on the state of the cooperative at the time of transition to a new general manager. Holding a more casual meeting than the annual membership meeting, which provided an open session for member questions, met the board's goal of improving member communications and making operations more transparent.

President Sue Ready gave several reports at the meeting; other board members Tokey Boswell, Frank DeBernardo, Ed James, Bill Jones, Diana McFadden, David Morse and Patricia Novinski sat at the front table. Chuck Hess was unable to attend. Staff members also made presentations and were available to field questions, including General Manager Eldon Ralph, Finance Director Joe Perry, Maintenance Director Matt Berres and Member Services Director Joan Krob.

Councilmembers at the town hall were GHI members Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling. Mayor Judith Davis and Coun-

cilmember Emmett Jordan also attended.

FEMA Eligibility

Ready announced that GHI has learned that cooperative housing is not eligible to receive FEMA assistance following natural disasters. GHI has joined with other co-ops nationally to request an amendment to the Stafford Act to include cooperative housing. GHI has sent letters to President Obama and its federal delegation. A sample letter is available on the website for individuals to send their own letters.

The major agenda item was the 2013 Board/Staff Action Plan, focusing on the work plan for January to June. All 15 items on the work plan were covered but four projects were highlighted: the pilot program for the GHI community upgrade, the proposal for smoke-free GHI rows, a proposal by Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC) to purchase the Strathcona Apartments and Pepco's infrastructure upgrade.

Pilot Program

The pilot project for the proposed community-wide upgrade to improve energy efficiency in GHI homes generated the most interest (see story on page 12).

Smoke-Free Rows

Ready said that in response to a petition at last year's annual meeting, the membership passed a motion to direct the board to

develop a proposal for membership consideration that will allow the members of an entire row of units to prohibit smoking inside those units by revising their mutual ownership contracts (MOCs) by unanimous consent. A committee has developed MOC text, as well as handouts for members wanting to take this action, and a list of queries for legal review.

Ready stated that the GHI attorney told the board that there were no significant problems with the proposed text, including a provision that future sale of the membership requires the conditions to be continued in the MOC. She said the board expects to have this item on the May annual meeting's agenda.

Apartment Purchase

Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC) is a subsidiary of GHI that owns and operates the Parkway Apartments. Board member Bill Jones explained that the income from Parkway helps supplement GHI member fees. In December GHI learned that Strathcona Apartments on Crescent Road are being marketed. The GDC board and the Strathcona seller are negotiating a letter of intent that might lead to a contract of sale. Jones stressed that even if the GDC board enters into a contract of sale, there

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PHOTO BY TONY ALLEN

Local heavyweight boxer Seth "Mayhem" Mitchell, Mayor Judith Davis, D.C. Divas defensive end Omolara "Lara" Aribisala and former NBA star Walt "Wizard" Williams prior to the Wall of Fame unveiling ceremony at Beltway Plaza Mall.

Beltway Plaza Mall Unveils New Sports Wall of Fame

by Altoria Bell Ross

A female football player, a boxer and a former University of Maryland basketball player stood tall on Saturday as they were inducted onto the Wall of Fame at Beltway Plaza Mall.

Former Greenbelter Omolara "Lara" Aribisala is a fifth-year defensive end with the D.C. Divas, the women's professional football team based at the Wayne Currie Sports and Learning Complex. She is also an avid long-distance runner.

Seeking a better education in the United States, Aribisala left Ibadan, Nigeria, in 1985, thinking she would be living with a relative. Instead, Aribisala was forced into slavery at 12, performing domestic duties for a Hyattsville family of six.

Now an advocate for children trapped in unpaid domestic labor, Aribisala, a mother of two daughters, also nurses the elderly and is vice president of the PTA. "The only limit you have in life is the one you set for yourself," said Aribisala, who could not speak English when she first arrived in the States.

Also Honored

Professional heavyweight boxer Seth "Mayhem" Mitchell, who trains in Prince George's Coun-

What Goes On

Sunday, April 7

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, April 8

7:30 p.m., ACE Education Reception, Municipal Building

8 p.m., Council Meeting/ACE Educators Awards, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

Wednesday, April 10

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Planning, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Happy Endings

Gracie our cat has been found. I need to thank all the wonderful people in Greenbelt for all the calls and support during our quest to find our beloved cat Gracie. We finally caught her on Monday evening, March 25.

Considering that she has been missing since November 19 it's pretty amazing that we got her back at all. We would not have been able to get her back without the help of this wonderful community.

Again, thank you all.

Thelma Ann Donnellan

Women's Month Kudos

Thanks to David Lange and the staff of the Greenbelt News Review for your excellent commemoration of Women's History Month in March. The articles on women who are making such important contributions were informative and celebratory.

A proud Greenbelt resident, I have served as the Coordinator of the Maryland Women's History Project since the early 1980s at the Maryland State Department of Education. This project has shared information with students and educators about the wide range of contributions by diverse Maryland historical and contemporary women.

In 1985 the Maryland Women Legislators and the Maryland Commission for Women founded the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, which has since then inducted women annually at a special ceremony in Annapolis at the Governor's house. In 2003 Greenbelter Virginia Beauchamp was one of the women inducted into the Hall of Fame for her outstanding leadership in women's history and women's rights. I was proud to be inducted this year as another representative from Greenbelt for working on women's history, gender equity in education and multicultural education.

In 2011 a new Maryland Women's Heritage Center and Museum was established and opened to honor Maryland's women and to house the Hall of Fame. It is in downtown Baltimore and is one of the first state centers of its kind in the nation.

For more information about the Center stop by for a visit and check out its website at www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org.

Congratulations!

Linda Shevitz

Changing Times

I was surprised to see an ad in a recent News Review seeking carriers to deliver the paper in Old Greenbelt.

When I was young (1950s) a position as a Cooperator/News Review carrier was a coveted honor. There was no shortage of young Greenbelters waiting for the opportunity to be selected as a carrier. It was only one evening a week and in exchange for delivering the paper door to door for an hour or so, we received \$1, enough to keep a kid in movie theater tickets, comic books and yo-yo strings. I delivered the paper for a few years and as my younger brothers advanced in age, they took my place on the same route.

I know times have changed in many ways but I would think that delivering the hometown newspaper would still attract applicants without advertising.

Robert Haslinger
Gaithersburg

Thanks

Thanks for putting the notice of the Sunrise Service on the front page last week. I was thrilled to see it there. It even made "above the fold." We had a good crowd and it warmed up a little.

Thanks, too, for a great paper.
Trudy Conrad

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Computer Club Meets April 11

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its April meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are welcome.

Early Bike to Work Registrant T-shirts

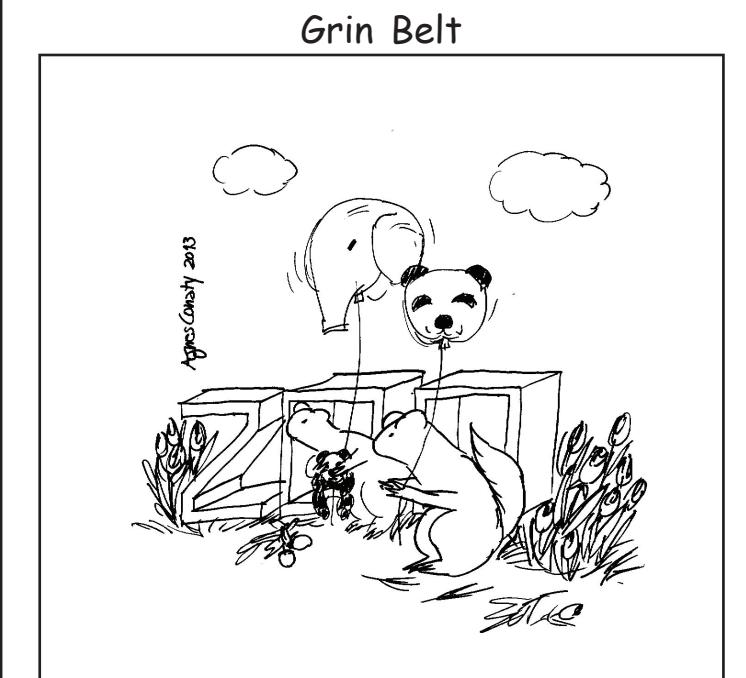
The first 12,000 registrants for this year's Friday, May 17 Bike to Work Day at www.biketoworkmetrod.org will receive a free 2013 Bike to Work Day T-shirt of their choice among the 72 pit-stop celebrations in the region. They will also be eligible to win other prizes including Jamis bicycles.

The Aquatic and Fitness Center is the Greenbelt pit stop location to leave for Freedom Plaza, the end point in D.C. Bike convoys will be leaving between 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. with a stop to pick up riders at the next stop in College Park. Registration by phone at 1-800-745-7533.

Corrections

We slipped in allowing a discrepancy through on the time for today's free produce distribution — it is at Green Ridge House April 4 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. as printed in last week's What Goes On (page 1) and the city ad (page 5), not the time incorrectly given in the small item on page 6.

In the Women's History Month article at the top of page 1 last week, "Greenbelt Librarian Ellen Utley Will Retire in April" incorrectly described the Black Pursuits Contest as It's Academic. Actually in 1986, Utley, an avid viewer of the television program It's Academic, originated the idea to create the Black Pursuits Contest using questions and answers from the Black Pursuits Game.



"Best spring break trip ever!"

On Screen

Coming Up with the Admissible

Opening Friday, April 5 at Old Greenbelt Theatre is "Admission," a comedic romantic drama. Leading the way is Tina Fey as an admissions officer at Princeton University who is in line for a major promotion. Complicating matters is a college-bound schoolboy whose presence raises the question: Could he be the son she gave up for adoption many years ago? Paul Rudd and Nat Wolff play key roles under director Paul Weitz, with the meaning of admission subject to another interpretation.

PG-13. Running time: 107 minutes.

— Eli Flam

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for April 8 to 12 are:

Monday – Fruit punch, honey-baked chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, green beans with onions, diced pears.

Tuesday – Apple juice, beef burger with mushroom gravy, Hawaiian baked beans, broccoli and cauliflower, fresh apple.

Wednesday – Grape juice, vegetable soup, egg salad, tossed salad, fresh fruit.

Thursday – Grape juice, meat loaf with tomato gravy, Delmonico potatoes, kale, Mandarin oranges.

Friday – Pineapple juice, chicken and rice casserole, pinto beans, stewed tomatoes, fluffy fruit salad.

At the Library

Adult Programs

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m.: In a lecture series created by African American historian and author/lecturer C.R. Gibbs, guest lecturer Carter Ward will present an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on the African Diaspora, "Defeating the Enemy Within: Black Self-Oppression, A Workshop" and lead a discussion of the ways internalized racial stereotypes continue to warp healing and self-advancement in the African American community.

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk.

Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit pgcmls.info for a number of library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

GHI Notes

Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Sunday, April 7, 3 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee (Ice Cream Social) – Board Room

Monday, April 8, 7:30 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – Board Room

Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, April 12, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Join Cubs' Attack Park Cleanup Sat.

Greenbelt's Cub Scout Pack 202 will hold a park cleanup at Buddy Attack Lake Park from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 6, this year's annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup day.

All are invited to join the Cub Scouts' efforts. Meet at the park entrance.

For more information email cubinfo@pack202.org.

Explore Writing One's Memoir

On Friday, April 12 at 1 p.m. Rebecca Coleman will discuss writing one's memoir at Explorations Unlimited.

She will talk about the unique challenges of memoir-writing, followed by a discussion of examples from published memoirs and analyzing with the audience the different approaches taken by different authors. Participants will then use prompts to try their own hand at it, sharing and discussing a few examples of what they wrote. The group will talk about how to take it to the next level – writing a "full" memoir, whatever they perceive that to be and how to publish it (or preserve it) for themselves and their posterity.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in Room 114, the Senior Classroom. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

More Community Events can be found on pages 2, 5, 8 and 12.

9 lives Yard Sale

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Greenbriar Assn. Elects Officers

At its annual meeting on March 26 the Greenbriar Community Association elected officers and board members as follows: President Jeanette Gordy, Vice President Dorothy "Didi" Peck, Secretary Angeline Butler, Treasurer Therese Benedik and Director Fran Bennett.

Board meetings are held at the community building monthly for each association with homeowners and residents urged to attend. Greenbriar Phases I and II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Greenbriar Phase III meets the second Tuesday of the month at 5:45 p.m. and the Greenbriar Community Association board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m.



Greenbelt Park Seeks To Curb Invasives

To help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants, join a hands-on nature preservation activity at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 6. This is a chance to learn about native and non-native plants. This invasive containment program is held the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine.

Participants should wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and tick repellent and bring a lunch or snack.

The Greenbelt Park entrance is between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call the park at 301-344-3944 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.



Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Players age 13-15 call Mark @ 301 755-3315
Email: mark.markowich@t-mobile.com

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Obituaries

Benjamin P. Goldfaden

Ben Goldfaden, one of the three original city recreation directors in early Greenbelt, died March 25, 2013, in Tavares, Fla., at the age of 99. He began his career in Greenbelt in March 1939, joining Vincent Holochwost and Doris Dungan in supervising the recreational activities at the swimming pool, the tennis courts, the block softball teams and other activities for both children and adults that made the new town so unique.



Mr. Goldfaden's name is listed in the American Softball Hall of Fame and in records of the National Basketball Association (NBA). In an article in the Orlando Sentinel of March 27, 2013, reporter Stephen Hudak writes that "Ben Goldfaden was believed to be the oldest living former NBA player when he died at age 99." The article goes on to explain that Goldfaden "played two games as a 6-foot-3-inch forward for the Washington Capitols in the 1946-47 season" (photo above) of the Basketball Association of America, "which two years later was renamed the National Basketball Association." Hudak asserts that Goldfaden "gave up a pro basketball career after the league's inaugural season because he could make more money teaching junior high school."

Mr. Goldfaden was born in Newark, N.J., on September 6, 1913, and attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C., on a full basketball scholarship. He met his future wife Elizabeth ("Libby") there and the couple moved to Greenbelt, first to an apartment on Parkway, then to 3 Court Ridge Road and later, in the early 1950s, to Lakeside Drive. He was the first president of the Lakeside Citizens Association. The couple's three children grew up in Greenbelt and graduated from High Point High School.

In the early 1940s Mr. Goldfaden coached the boys' basketball team, the Grizzlies, at Greenbelt High School. In the book "Greenbelt: History of a New Town," a photo on page 90 shows him with the championship team of 1941. He remained close friends with many of those Grizzlies all his life, joining in their annual picnics and coming for their funerals even after he moved to Florida in retirement.

Mr. Goldfaden served in the U.S. Navy for two years, 1944-46. He was a member of American Legion Post 136. Returning to his teaching career after the NBA stint, he taught physical education at local schools and refereed basketball and baseball before starting a new career as an insurance agent with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.

In Greenbelt he was active in civic affairs and served on the Greenbelt City Councils of 1951-53, 1955-57, 1957-59 and 1961-63. He served on the board of directors of Prince George's Community College.

Mr. Goldfaden is survived by his children David (Gloria) of Mt. Dora, Fla., Vikki (Dennis) Emment of Tavares and Sheri (Barry) Levin of Olney, Md., 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. His wife of 68 years died in 2005. For the past seven years he had resided with his daughter Vikki, who said he was in good health both mentally and physically until only six months before his death from a heart ailment.

Funeral services were held on March 28 at Page-Theus Funeral Home Chapel in Leesburg, Fla., with burial at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Leesburg.

— Kathleen McFarland

Jennifer B. White

Jennifer Barbara White, 41, died on March 28, 2013, succumbing to brain cancer.



She was a long-time resident of Greenbelt who could often be seen with her companion Bill Harrison before he died in 2010.

Jennifer spent 18 years working as an office clerk for U.S. Customs and Border Protection. About ten years ago, Jennifer was given the Commissioner's Award for excellence in supporting the mission of the agency. She was most proud of her independence and self-sufficiency, despite many challenges that included being legally blind.

Jennifer is survived by her mother, Linda Brashears; father, Kenneth J. White (Brenda); brothers, Kenneth H. White and Nicholas White; grandmothers, Barbara Wright and Mildred White; Godmother, Cyndi Smith; and step-father, Ben Brashears; as well as

many aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss her smile and her big heart.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church in Glenn Dale. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to her favorite charity, Feed the Children, <http://www.feedthechildren.org/>.

Leonard E. Mikesell

Former longtime Greenbelter Leonard Eli Mikesell, 96, died on March 18, 2013, in Logan, Utah.

Mr. Mikesell was born June 24, 1916, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, the sixth of eight children of Eli Delbert Mikesell and Mildred May Short. The father drowned in the Snake River when his son was five. He grew up in Idaho Falls and Coltman before serving a Latter Day Saints (LDS) mission to the Eastern states, where he met his wife Ruby Virginia Dudley. They were married in the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City September 8, 1939, and shared life together for 66 years until her death in 2005. He was also predeceased by five sisters and two brothers.

The Mikesells lived in 49 Court Ridge Road for 50 years before moving to Blackfoot, Idaho, and raised three sons here, Keith, Wayne and Brian.

Mr. Mikesell was a bus driver for Capital Transit and the Metro. He was a certified tour guide and chauffeur for the area and the family worked part time to maintain and care for the LDS College Park Ward building.

He was a gardener in Greenbelt, planting and growing a garden here every year and always sharing his produce with family, neighbors and wildlife. After retirement he spent 24 years at the LDS Temple here as an officiator/sealer.

After Ruby's death he moved to North Logan, Utah, and married Virginia Mullin Solee June 10, 2006.

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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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Civil War Soldiers Return to Laurel

For the first time in almost 150 years Civil War soldiers will re-occupy their former campsite in Laurel on April 13. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the 2nd Md. Infantry and 28th Massachusetts, 3rd USV will hold a free day of reenactment.

During the "Laurel Station: A Living History" program visitors can explore a Civil War encampment, participate in a drill and watch a firing demonstration and an afternoon skirmish, among other activities.

Held on the grounds of American Legion Post 60 at 2 Main Street in Laurel, the living history day will take place on land that was part of the actual encampment of Union troops stationed in Laurel from 1861 to 1865. Kids and adults will be recruited into the army of their choice.

See OBITUARIES, page 7

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 - 10 a.m. main service
 - (music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays

- 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor

301-474-7573

6301 Greenbelt Road

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



Worship : Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available)

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Worship Service 11:00am

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April 7th

The Environment

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April 14th

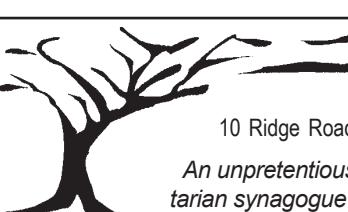
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Guest Speaker:

Dr. Todd Beall

All Welcome!



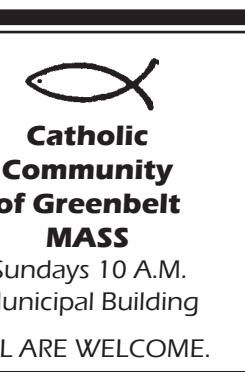
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Foundation Proposal Deadline Is April 15

As part of its 2013 spring grant cycle, the Greenbelt Community Foundation is seeking applications for grants from local organizations, nonprofits and cooperatives looking for help in funding projects which enhance life in Greenbelt. The deadline for applications is Monday, April 15.

The Foundation calls for proposals twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are given to local organizations for projects which can be completed in one year.

Information about the Greenbelt Community Foundation as well as the materials related to submitting an application for funding can be found at the Foundation website, <http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net>. Completed forms should be sent to the Greenbelt Community Foundation at PO Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Dems Club Hosts Lt. Gov. Brown

Sunday, April 14 from 2 to 4 p.m., the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will feature Lt. Governor Anthony Brown at the Greenbriar Community Building in a special program presented in concert with the Bowie Democratic Club.

Brown will offer his perspective on the 2013 Maryland legislative session and may also discuss his outlook regarding his future political aspirations.

Brown will be the first in a series of potential candidates for governor, attorney general and comptroller that the two clubs will schedule during this and next year.

The Greenbriar Community Building is at 7600 Hanover Parkway. For more information call 301-220-1025.



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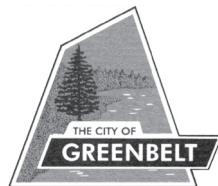
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2013 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
 - ACE Educators Awards
 - Earth Day Proclamation
 - Arbor Day Proclamation
- Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- Council Reports
- Committee Reports
 - Advisory Planning Board, Report #2013-02 (Detailed Site Plan for Magnolia Gardens Nursing Home)

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Article 1 "In General" of Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Greenbelt City Code to Add a New Section 2-4 Entitled "Confidential Information"
- 1st Reading
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 "Administration" Article IV "Ethics" of the Greenbelt City Code
- 1st Reading
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Consulting Services for the City's Organizational Assessment from The Matrix Consulting Group at a cost of \$49,900
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of an Emergency Back-Up Generator for the Greenbelt Municipal Building
- 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Report #2013-1 - Police Department Directional Signage
- Advisory Planning Board, Report #2013-2 – Detailed Site Plan for Magnolia Gardens Nursing Home
- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2013
- Other Reports
- Reappointments to Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am

Visual artists: Apply now through May 6 for studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center.

24-hr access through the Recreation Department's juried Artist in Residence Program. New residencies begin July 1. Application available at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts, or write to ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov. Open to both residents and non-residents of Greenbelt.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON

April 7, from 1-4pm
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road

Puppet Cabaret (3pm) featuring Leila Ghaznavi's mysterious and magical "Beyond The Light." Free; appropriate for all ages.

Printmaking workshop (1-3pm) with Artist in Residence Nora Simon. Learn to use fresh fruits and vegetables to create beautiful patterns. Great project for the whole family! Open to all ages. Free; materials are provided.

Also: Pottery Sale (1-4pm) Shop for bargains at the Greenbelt Pottery Group "seconds" sale; Artists in Residence studio open house, 1-4pm, plus art and local history exhibits.

SPRING SKATE SERIES

Ages 6-12
Friday, April 12 from 6-8pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center,
6101 Cherrywood Lane
FREE Indoor Roller Skating



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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

There are currently vacancies on:
Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board and Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

For information call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8-12

Monday, April 8 at 7:30 pm, ACE EDUCATORS RECEPTION at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Monday, April 8 at 8:00 pm, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING/ACE EDUCATORS AWARDS, at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and Streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov.

Wednesday, April 10 at 8:00 pm, COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION, Re: Planning at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road Room 114. On the agenda: Final draft review of the City of Greenbelt Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan.

LIFE GUARDS NEEDED!

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center is looking for life guards. You can get trained right here in Greenbelt!

To qualify for the Life Guarding Class, you must take the Life Guarding Pre-Test, being offered on the following dates. Cost for test is \$5.

- A two-Session Test will be offered on April 16 & 18 from 6-9:30pm at the GAFC, 101 Centerway. Class ID number is 257180-1
- A one-Session Test will be offered on Saturday, April 20th from 1-8pm at the GAFC, 101 Centerway. Class ID number is 257180-2

You must register for these tests. Please download the Greenbelt Recreation Activity Guide at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation for more information. You may also call 301-397-2204.

Life Guard Training Classes will be offered to those who qualify **at a cost**. Classes begin April 27th or April 30th. Information on these classes are also available in the Recreation Activity Guide, www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation



GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

We have kittens! A litter of 4. They are very sweet but a month shy of being able to leave. Come out and see them!

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The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC FOR SENIORS AND DISABLED RESIDENTS

Registration underway

Maryland State Bar Association Elder Law Section Council, Prince George's County Advisory Committee on Aging, Prince George's County Department of Family Services and the City of Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program have partnered to provide a free legal clinic to assist residents on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 in the Greenbelt Community Center -15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 in room 103 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Attorneys will assist participants in preparing Maryland Advance Directives to establish a Health Care Agent, Living Will and optional after death wishes. Pre-registration is required. To register please call Greenbelt CARES/The GAIL Program at 301-345-6660. Please register early last year's spots filled quickly.



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NEWS IN REVIEW

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April 4, 2013

GHI ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 7:30 p.m.

Elections for five (5) new Board members, Audit Committee, and Nominations & Elections (N&E) Committee members.

Anyone wishing to run for one of these offices should fill out a Candidate's Package (available online at www.ghi.coop/content/ghi-elections or by hard copy at the GHI office) and return it to the GHI management office or to a member of the N&E Committee no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

Find out more about the duties of each office and get more information on running for office at the

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, April 7, 3 - 5 p.m.

GHI Administration Building

Meet the candidates!

Candidates' Forum

Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.

in the Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact anyone from the N&E Committee:

Henry Haslinger (chair): hdhaslinger@comcast.net

Paula Clinedinst: cotteyterp@comcast.net

Carol Griffith: carolagrif@msn.com

Mara Hemminger: bigsky_3@hotmail.com

Town Hall Questions and Answers

At the Town Hall Meeting on February 23, there were a number of questions that the Board and Staff were unable to answer due to time constraints. Questions were compiled and the answers are now available at www.ghi.coop under News & Alerts, or a hard copy can be picked up at the GHI offices.

Thermostats Available from Pepco

Pepco is offering an Energy Wise Rewards Program to replace existing thermostats with web-programmable thermostats in GHI units in which gas-fired furnaces, forced air heat pumps, and mini-split ductless heat pumps have been installed. The goal is to cut back on kilowatt usage for cooling during hot days.

If GHI is responsible for the maintenance of your system and you decide to enroll in the program, let GHI's Maintenance Department know that you enrolled. (This offer does *not* apply to GHI units with baseboard heaters.) For more information contact Larry Fair at 301-943-4065.



Member Comments Requested!

The GHI Board of Directors welcomes feedback from members on the following draft policies:

**Comments due by April 12
Rules for Skylights (revision)**

**Comments due by April 20
Subleasing Policy (revision)
Unauthorized Rentals (new)
Unoccupied Units (new)**

Policies can be seen at www.ghi.coop in News & Alerts, or pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building.

**Comments should be submitted via email to mgmtoffice@ghi.coop
or written notes can be delivered to the Management Office, Attention: Sheri.**

2013 Community Beautification Program

Community-wide inspections are scheduled to begin **May 1, 2013** beginning at or near 1 Court Ridge Road.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact:



Herb Jackson, Community Beautification Inspector
301-474-4161 extension 139
e-mail hjackson@ghi.coop
or
George Bachman, Asst. Maintenance Manager
301-474-4161 extension 155
e-mail gbachman@ghi.coop

Thank you for your continued support of this program.



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Special Training Session

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and Volunteers**

**Covering:
Committee Roles
Rights
Responsibilities
& Recognition**

**Tuesday, April 23rd
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
GHI Board Room**

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the GHI Administration Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members.

April

Mon	1	
Tue	2	8:30 am Yard Line Committee
Sat	6	11:00 am Pre-Purchase Orientation
Sun	7	3-5 pm N&E Ice Cream Social
Mon	8	7:30 pm Nominations & Elections Committee
Mon	8	7:30 pm Marketing Committee
Tue	9	7:00 pm Member Outreach Committee
Wed	10	7:30 pm Architectural Review Committee
Thu	11	7:30 pm Board Meeting
Fri	12	-- OFFICES CLOSED
Tue	16	7:30 pm Companion Animal Committee
Wed	17	7:00 pm New Member Social
Wed	17	7:00 pm Woodlands Committee
Thu	18	7:00 pm Finance Committee
Sun	21	TBD Woodlands Tree Walk
Mon	22	7:00 pm Communications Committee
Mon	22	7:00 pm Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	23	8:30 am Yard Line Committee
Tue	23	7:00 pm Committee Training Program
Wed	24	7:00 pm Buildings Committee
Thu	25	7:30 pm Board Meeting
Fri	26	-- OFFICES CLOSED

May

Sat	4	11:00 am Pre-Purchase Orientation
<i>(Dates are subject to change)</i>		

Maintenance service is available - for emergencies only - outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed.
Call 301-474-6011.

In Memoriam**For a Local Boy's Son, the Struggle of Life Ends**

Will Ransom, my son, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 30, 2013, after struggling with diabetes for more than 20 years and a second kidney failure after a transplant. He was 42. He was a man of many words, a writer (poems and stories) and often a facebook ranter. He railed against prejudice and unfairness in all its forms for the most part, especially racism and anti-gay hatred. But what most marked him was his immediate and fully developed sense of humor that wrapped itself quickly around almost any situation. He was lightning quick and amazingly smart (much more so than his old man I'm afraid).

Will lived his first eight years in Greenbelt, then his youth in Bladensburg. His son Dylan (19) was born in North Carolina when Will was 23, so Will moved to Statesville to help raise him. He eventually established sole custody after his relationship with Dylan's mother ended. As Dylan says, that pretty much ended his active writing career. Will soon met another North Carolina girl, Kathy Orrell, and they were married in 2001, later moving to Wilmington, N.C. Will graduated from UNCW there at the age of 40 with dual degrees in English and sociology. He joked that he could get a cup of coffee with the degree in sociology and write about the experience with his English knowledge. Barbara and I bridged the miles between us and Will with near daily phone chats and frequent visits. He always made me laugh. I know he

could find the humor now.

Kathy had two children when she met Will, Hannah (20 today) and Zac (19), whom Will immediately adopted as his own without legal process. He loved them even after the marriage ended, just as he did Dylan, completely and unconditionally until his dying breath. He loved his grandmother the late Mary A. Ransom, his parents and his sisters and brothers and aunts and uncles in his extended families. Will also loved sports, especially baseball (the Orioles), hockey (the Caps) and most of all the Terps in football and basketball. He spent most of his adult life working as a bartender and a waiter. He loved the social contact of bars and pubs, being the outgoing, friendly, gentle guy he was. He would argue with his patrons but in an engaging way that made them want to return for more.

His Facebook page is filled with tributes from those he befriended, because like his Dad, he found friendship to be something that was lived, not spoken. Last Thanksgiving, he wrote the following note about it, which included references to Elton John's

song "Mona Lisas and Mad Hatters." He would want the last words to be for his friends and family:

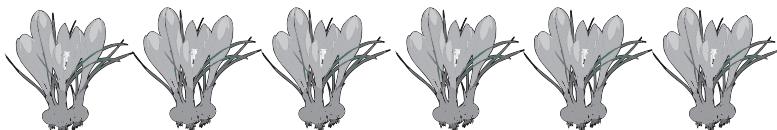
"As Turkey Day approaches, I begin to think of what it is that I am thankful for – as we all do. It dawns on me that my life has been – and continues to be – a long, strange and wondrous trip. Like any good author, I have encountered some amazing characters – a number of "Mona Lisas" and more than a few "Mad Hatters."

"I want to take this chance to tell as many of you as possible that you have all made and continue to make, an impact on my life and helped to create whoever and whatever I am. Some of you I tell this to when I can, but most I don't tell nearly enough. I cannot thank you enough for the things you have given me and shown me, even if you thought it was nothing at the time. Please believe me when I tell you that it wasn't nothing. You have mattered and I love you all."

"So . . . what am I thankful for? Like the song so potently says, 'I thank the Lord for the people I have found.'"

– Rick Ransom

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Brooke Kenny

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS**PRELIMINARY AGENDA****GHI BOARD OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING**

Thursday, April 11th, 2013

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Exception Request for Serviceside Entrance Door, 4J Plateau Place
- Companion Animal Committee's Proposal for a Disaster Preparedness Event on September 23, 2013
- Proposal for Expediting New Member Application Process
- Contract for Replacement Reserves' Study for GHI Homes, 1st Reading
- Spring Sidewalk Repairs Contract, 1st Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop



To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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Fresh Value Pack \$3.79 Boneless Pork lb. Center Cut Loin Roast	California Red Ripe Strawberries \$1.98 16 oz.	Chobani Greek Yogurts \$1.00 6 oz.	Shurfine Classic Ice Cream Assorted 64 oz. \$1.88	Fresh Catch Flounder Fillets Previously Frozen \$6.99 lb.
Fresh Value Pack \$2.48 80% Lean lb. Ground Beef	Fresh Crop Russet Potatoes \$1.88 5 lb. bag	Shurfine Pure Butter \$2.50 quarters 1 lb.	Ellio's Large Pizza \$2.99 Assorted 14-20 oz.	Fresh Catch Bay Scallops \$5.99 lb.

Grocery Bargains

San Giorgio Spaghetti or Macaroni Asst. 12-16 oz. \$88¢	Francesco Rinaldi Pasta Sauces Assorted 16-24 oz. \$98¢
Kellogg's Original Rice Crispies Cereal 9 oz. \$1.98	Peter Pan Peanut Butter Assorted 16.3 oz. \$2.00

**Grocery Bargains**

Era Liquid Laundry Detergent 50 oz. \$2.77	Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna 5 oz. \$1.00
Maxwell House Regular Ground Coffee 28-31 oz. \$6.88	Hanover Assorted Baked Beans Bonus Size 28 oz. \$1.50

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

March 23, 4:13 a.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. Three older teenagers approached a man, assaulted him and took his money. No specific description of the robbers is available.

DWI/DUI

March 24, 8:14 p.m., Edmonston Road at Springhill Court. A 32-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

March 26, 6:51 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 45-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

March 25, 7:56 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Tools were taken.

Vandalism

March 26, 5:32 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. A fire extinguisher case was broken.

Vehicle Crime

A silver 2005 Honda Pilot with Md. tags was taken from the 7800 block Walker Drive.

An attempted auto theft occurred in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Thefts from autos were reported in the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (GPS unit, car stereo and currency) and 39 court Ridge Road (wheelbarrow).

Vandalism was reported in the Beltway Plaza parking lot (vehicle was scratched), 7500 block Greenbelt Road (windshield was damaged), 6200 block Springhill Court (tire was flattened).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Leonard E. Mikesell, 96, in Logan, Utah, on March 18, 2013. He and first wife Rubye lived in the 49 Court of Ridge for 50 years prior to moving to Idaho.

Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Lakewood resident Barbara Jane Byrd, 62, who died March 24, 2013. A funeral Mass will be offered at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Monday, April 15 at 10 a.m.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ben Goldfaden, recreation director and teacher in early Greenbelt, in Tavares, Fla., on March 25, 2013, at the age of 99.

Sympathy to the Ransom and DonBullian families on the death of William Owen Ransom, 42, of Wilmington, N.C., on March 30, 2013. The family will receive visitors on Thursday, April 4, at the Greenbelt Community Church from 3 p.m. until the memorial service at 5:30 p.m.

Congratulations to:

— Hope McCalla, a Greenbelt East family childcare provider, who recently graduated from the University of Maryland University College with a bachelor's degree in social science and a minor in gerontology.



Leonie Penney and granddaughter Leah Garber.

— Leonie Penney, who celebrated her 95th birthday on March 29. A multitude of family, friends and neighbors delivered their best wishes to her last Sunday, March 30 at her Northway home.

— Margaret Williamson, who was featured on the Dr. Oz show on March 20 talking about the symptoms of the flu versus similar symptoms of parasites. Williamson is an infectious disease physician in Atlanta and the daughter of News Review editor Mary Lou Williamson.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at news-review@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Construction of New IHOP May Finally Be Underway

by Jessica Suss

Since the Denny's restaurant at Greenway Center closed a couple of years ago, there has been talk about an IHOP taking its place. A sign went up on a nearby bus shelter advertising the pancake house. The IHOP sign appeared in January when they took possession of the space previously owned by Denny's. There has been no sign of flapjack life from the empty restaurant space however, until a crane turned up next to the building several weeks ago.

At the stakeholder worksession February 6, Mayor Judith Davis mentioned that the community had voiced considerable excitement about the prospect of IHOP moving in where Denny's once was at 7405 Greenbelt Road.

According to that meeting, IHOP is expected to open in May, although the crane brings questions about whether or not the entire building will be renovated or cleared in order to make room for the newcomer.

Property Manager Alisia Tyre said interior construction is planned.

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completely different," Tyre said. "They're building it to their specifications."

There is no opening date yet for the restaurant, since construction can be a lengthy process, but Tyre predicts "it should be this spring."

Linda Dreyer, director of marketing for Combined Properties, owners of Greenway, concurred and said a "soft estimate" for the opening would be in two or three months.

Like the rest of the community, Dreyer is looking forward to the restaurant's opening.

"It's a different kind of restaurant, very affordable and they have great promotions for seniors and kids," Dreyer said. "When it was a Denny's it was rather popular with the community so I can see IHOP being a welcome addition. It's just good, American food."

Green Man Starts Spring Cleaning

On Sunday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the annual 9 Lives Yard Sale will be held at Roosevelt Center.

Besides helping pay for the annual Green Man festival, the yard sale provides an opportunity for repurposing of items not being used. There will also be music and information available about the CHEARS projects.

To donate items bring them to the event between 9 and 10 a.m. Sunday or, to arrange a pick-up, call 202-664-7572.

Annual Contest

Each year the Green Man Festival selects an image and a poem about the Green Man's relationship with nature to use for posters, ads and T-shirts. This year's theme is celebrating forests and preserving wild spaces in urban areas. Entries should provide an image from trees and wild places of the Green Man as a portrait or submit a poem.

All entries will also be considered for the Green Man exhibit at the New Deal Café during the months of May and June.

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property owners will see their city tax bills decrease by an average of \$356 and considerably more if county and state taxes are considered.

The proposed FY14 budget includes \$24,869,400 in expenditures, which is \$92,200 lower than the FY13 budget and in the same range that has prevailed since FY09, demonstrating that there has been little or no growth over the past five years. As proposed, estimated revenues will be \$24,708,600, which is \$784,100 less than in FY13 and \$160,800 less than expenditures.

McLaughlin has proposed making a one-time transfer of \$200,000 from the city's General Fund Balance (surplus) account to cover the difference. It is city fiscal policy to maintain a fund balance of at least 10 percent of the annual expenditures budget. Since the account already exceeds 10 percent and is expected to be even greater by the close of FY13, McLaughlin would apply \$100,000 to cover the one-time potential cost of implementing a consultant's recommendations resulting from the completion of an organizational assessment of city operation. The second \$100,000 would be used to pay a portion of the city's workers compensation premium in FY14. There is a high probability that this premium will be lower in the coming years.

Staff

No staff layoffs or furloughs are proposed but McLaughlin recommends eliminating a vacant community development inspector position thereby reducing the number of city authorized employees by nearly seven since FY09. There is \$275,000 proposed for a two percent cost-of-living adjustment for employees but no merit increases are funded. According to McLaughlin, this increase is less than that proposed for the state but is in line with those of neighboring jurisdictions. Staff compensation has been negatively affected for several years and an increase at this time is partly driven by a likely rise of 15 percent in health insurance premiums next year.

McLaughlin said that, as has been the case for several years, there are concerns about increasing staff workloads and justifiable needs for additional staff in all departments.

Savings Measures

The city manager noted a number of savings measures taken to balance the budget that might be revisited over the year if the financial picture improves. In addition to eliminating the vacant inspector position (\$60,000), these include refinancing of the city's accrued liability (\$100,000), the reduction of replacement vehicles in the Police Department from seven to five (\$70,000) and delaying the payoff for the Public Works Department facility (\$50,000).

State Revenues

There are some reasons for

cautious rejoicing on the revenue side, including expected increased funding from the states. Police Aid, previously reduced, has been restored to \$490,000, almost \$90,000 higher than in FY13. Highway User Revenues (local government's share of taxes on gas, car sales and registrations) had been cut by 90 percent (\$450,000) in FY10 but are estimated at \$304,000 for FY14, including a one-time payment of \$204,000.

McLaughlin said he was encouraged by the apparent upward trends in revenue indicators that are considered to be more sensitive to changes in the economy than property taxes. Business/corporate property taxes, which are still below FY08 levels, are up 14 percent from their lowest point. Income taxes are projected for FY13 and FY14 at their highest levels in the past decade and have shown a steady increase since their recent FY09 low. Hotel/motel taxes, which dropped to a low point in FY10, are approaching their previous highs. The increased assessments for apartment properties may also be a positive indication since they are likely the result of increased investment in the properties.

Fees & Fines

The proposed budget includes no increases in residential or commercial inspection fees, waste collection fees or Aquatic and Fitness Center pass or admission fees.

Five speed cameras were installed this year which have not come close to original pro-

jections for citations and fines. Still the revenue estimate is increased to \$150,000 from the FY13 \$100,000 on the expectation that increased experience in locating the cameras may detect more speeders. The number of red-light camera violations has increased with the replacement of cameras that had been temporarily removed due to the construction on Kenilworth Avenue. For both FY13 and FY14, \$300,000 is budgeted for red-light camera violations, an increase of nearly 50 percent from FY11.

Council Review

The city charter requires the city manager to present the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year to council no later than the first regular meeting in April. Traditionally the presentation is made instead at the last meeting in March, to provide a safety net and allow enough time for council budget work sessions to take place prior to budget adoption, which is scheduled for June 3 this year.

The first budget worksession was held April 3; the worksession for final budget review will be May 20. Seven more worksessions will be held before May 20. In addition there will be public hearings on April 22 and May 28. The worksessions are open to the public and attendance is encouraged. The complete schedule can be found on the city website at greenbelt.gov under "Government," then "Meeting Schedule." The city manager's proposed budget also is available on the website.



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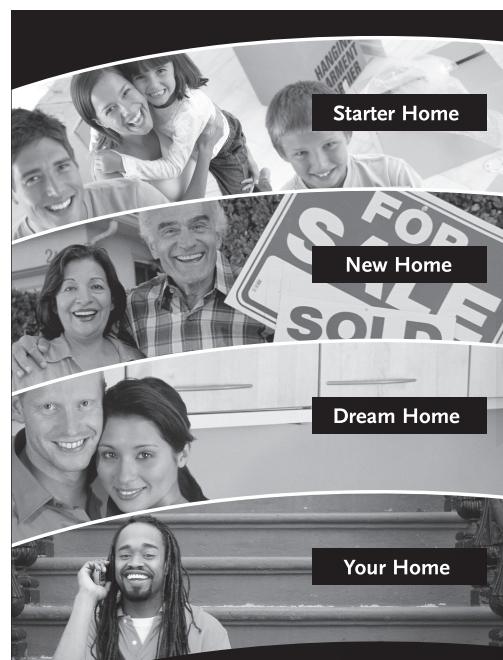
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The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) awards will be presented at the Monday, April 8 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. The ACE awards will honor six outstanding educators, one from each of the six ACE core schools serving the community: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High schools.

A reception starts at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at the Municipal Building, followed by presentation of the awards and certificates from ACE, the city council, the county council, the board of education, the Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate.

The public is invited to share in recognizing the excellence of the schools and educators.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, April 4 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed in the evening by an open microphone session with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, April 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano. Then multiple WAMMIE-nominated Karen Collins and the Backroads Band plays classic honky-tonk, original roots songs and vintage country from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, April 6 the TV John Show will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. (see ad on page 7). Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with Under Orkestra headlining the evening with a blend of Balkan, Klezmer and Swing from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, April 7 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m. Jack Couldn't Make It plays Americana roots music.

Next Week

On Tuesday, April 9 Tom Gleason performs originals and an eclectic set of covers from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 Walls and Vino plays contemporary and classic covers from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 11 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed in the evening from 4 to 7 p.m. by an open microphone session with James and Martha.

Friday, April 12 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; then Gina DeSimone & the Moaners headline with rock solid rhythm and chilling harmony from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, April 13 John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; then Cooking with Gas serves up blues, jazz and folk from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, April 14 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. by Jan Knutson with jazz guitar. From 5 to 8 p.m. there will be a musical memorial tribute to long-time Café favorite Steve Miller featuring his bandmates in The Gliders from 5 to 8 p.m., along with the Scrub Pines, Raincrow and Steve Johnson and Kevin Miller of The Kings of Crownsville.

Pilot Program Prompts Questions at Town Hall

by Kathleen Gallagher

At the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Town Hall meeting on February 23, it was the pilot project for the proposed community-wide energy efficiency upgrade that generated the most interest among the more than 100 members attending. General Manager Eldon Ralph addressed the funding for the pilot program for the community upgrade. He said that since 2010 the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center has been providing energy audits and measurement instruments, as well as recommendations on energy upgrades. He estimated the NAHB assistance was worth more than \$100,000. He also reported on the co-op's pursuit of grants and loans.

Board member Tokey Boswell reported on the status of the pilot program. He reminded everyone that the pilot project's goal is to make energy-efficiency improvements to 28 pilot homes and record the costs, energy savings and comfort levels reported by members. The information will be analyzed to help in deciding whether GHI should go ahead and replace existing components or upgrade when those components are scheduled for replacement. The goal is to present the analysis by 2015 because the replacement reserves schedule states that doors, windows and heating units should begin to be replaced in 2015-2016.

Boswell noted that the work has been more complicated and the bids have been higher than anticipated. The GHI Buildings Committee has learned that dividing the work into smaller components for bid benefits GHI.

So far the brick, block and frame pilot homes have received crawl space insulation and the attics of the brick and frame homes have been sealed and insulated. This summer the pilot homes are scheduled to have doors and windows replaced and the frame homes are due to receive new insulation and siding.

Phase III of the pilot in 2014 will focus on heating and possibly cooling. Noting that electric baseboard heaters are nearly

Beltway Plaza Shoot-A-Hoop Is Sunday

On Sunday, April 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. Beltway Plaza will celebrate Final Four basketball madness with prizes for the competition at the mall's West Court and a special appearance by basketball trick shot artist "Spinny" Johnson.

Take a shot at the basket – those making a basket are eligible to win a one year membership to Planet Fitness, gift cards from SportsZone or a gift basket from Beltway Plaza. There will be give-aways for everyone who enters, both kids and adults.

Johnson has worked with world-famous Harlem Globetrotters and performed with greats including Wilt Chamberlain, Curly Neal, Meadowlark Lemon and Marques Haynes. Most recently seen in an ad for the D.C. lottery with Wes Unseld, as a performer "Spinny" is known for his scoring and trick shot artistry.

maintenance-free, Boswell said the Buildings Committee and NAHB Research Center have reviewed a range of options for heating and cooling systems.

To date the pilot has cost about \$120,000 for work on the 28 homes. Boswell said it is too early for the pilot to yield findings. Updates will be published on the GHI website and in GHI publications. He pointed out that the pilot project's value extends to what GHI is learning about undertaking work on the scale of a community-wide upgrade.

During the open-microphone session, two predominant questions probed the pilot project and community upgrade. Members wanted to know if they would be reimbursed for upgrades made prior to the community upgrade. Others opposed waiting until 2015 to upgrade their units if it was apparent that some actions clearly were worth taking or that some systems would be preferable over others.

Ralph told the group that the board is referring the question of whether members will be reimbursed for early upgrades to the Finance Committee. He added that members are welcome to submit their own ideas to the GHI office, which will forward them to the committee.

Boswell said both these questions are complicated. Regarding reimbursement, he noted that a driving force for doing the upgrades for the co-op as a whole is because GHI can negotiate economies of scale. He said it was clear that members wanted the board to consider having a "stopping point" for evaluation of some items and that the board would consider it. He added, however, that GHI is affordable in part because of its replacement reserve schedule. Interference with that schedule could increase costs if items are replaced that still have useful life and for which costs have not been collected.

Other members were concerned about being able to afford the upgrade for items not already on the replacement schedule. Ralph responded that GHI was looking closely at recouping investments based on energy savings. He said that "upgrades" referred to efficiencies, not luxuries, which would save members money in the long run.

Monthly Meeting Set for NARFE

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 1122, Northern Prince George's County, will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The meeting speaker will be MPO Kelly Lawson, Public Information Officer for the Greenbelt Police Department, who will speak on "Crime Prevention Tips." Refreshments will be available.

For more information call 301-441-1096 and dial 0.

Greenbelt Baseball Opening Day – Sunday April 7

Date	Time	Games
Sunday, April 7	1 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cardinals
Sunday, April 7	3:30 p.m.	Giants vs. Indians
Monday, April 8	6 p.m.	Cubs vs. Cardinals
Tuesday, April 9	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Orioles
Wed., April 10	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Indians
Thurs., April 11	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Nationals
Friday, April 12	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Athletics
*Friday, April 12	7 p.m.	Indians vs. Cubs
Sat., April 13	10 a.m.	Tigers vs. Orioles
Sat., April 13	1 p.m.	Nationals vs. Cardinals

Most games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

*Game played at Braden #2.

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would still be many steps to go through prior to a sale.

Pepco Work

GHI Maintenance Director Berres gave an update on the GHI portion of Pepco infrastructure project. He said pruning and removal of trees is nearly complete, after which Pepco will replace poles, transformers and electrical service lines. They expect to be working in GHI through the fall.

Berres said that Pepco has been cooperative in agreeing to move poles out of house yards wherever possible. He added that there may be instances where members may need to move personal property, such as plants, while work is done but that GHI will work with members to minimize disruptions.

Eventually when transformers are replaced and lines must be moved, it is possible that there will be outages of up to an hour or two while the work is done. Advance warning of outages will be given and Pepco has a list of people with medical equipment requiring power.

Berres stressed that anyone with medical equipment power needs who is not already on file with the Public Service Commission or Pepco should register.

Berres added that telecommunications utilities have lines on many Pepco poles and that Pepco will move as many as it can. Where that is not possible, the pole will be cut off above the telecommunication lines and left. If the other utilities do not respond promptly to move lines, Greenbelters will see double poles for a period of time.

WSSC

Ralph covered a number of other action items. He reported on the status of negotiations between GHI and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) regarding a matter with serious financial implications. In 2008 WSSC told GHI it would replace all original galvanized water pipes for GHI's 579 brick and block homes. In 2011 WSSC proposed that the

new water meters that would be installed would be moved from locations near buildings to the curbs at the end of the yards, with GHI becoming responsible for the maintenance and replacement of the pipes from curbs to buildings in the future.

This change would be a radical departure from the 1958 agreement among WSSC, GHI and the City of Greenbelt, which specified that WSSC was responsible for all the pipes.

GHI told WSSC that it did not have the authority to make a unilateral change in the agreement and negotiations broke down. Ralph said the city council intervened on the impasse and WSSC has agreed to resume discussions.

Rights-of-Way

In 2010 GHI began working with the city to address issues related to encroachment of GHI houses and yards on city rights-of-way. They came to agreement on the redesignation of rights-of-way for eight GHI homes. Five additional areas have been identified and a letter has been sent to the city manager asking for a meeting.

Cell Phone Tower

According to Ralph, staff members are looking into the possible use of an area behind the GHI administration building for a cell phone tower.

Other topics reported on during the meeting included development of policy on renting GHI units, completion of the electrical ground project for GHI homes, revision of the GHI disaster plan and the acquisition of a teleconferencing system for the board room.

Questions that could not be answered at the meeting because of time constraints are now posted with replies on the GHI website with a link at ghi.coop.



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Cherry pickers have been busy along Lakecrest and Lakeside Drives and adjoining cul-de-sacs for the past two months setting new poles and shifting wires from the old.